

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES  
JANUARY 16, 2018**

**SIGN IN**

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**Alderman Jackstadt called the Economic Development Committee Meeting to order.**

**Jackstadt turned the meeting over Economic Director Amos to discuss the CEO program.**

**Amos turned over to Scott Shank the CEO of the Granite City CEO program.**

**CEO Scott stated that the programs have been around for 3 years; we go around to businesses throughout the town and learn about them; we learn what it is to be an entrepreneur. CEO stands for creating entrepreneur opportunities.**

**CEO Brian stated that it is a great opportunity; it's has changed me, I'm more outgoing; it takes you out of your box.**

**CEO Eugene stated that the program helps me to be outgoing; we have meet some great people and we have learned a lot about the businesses; it has taught us a lot about Granite City.**

**CEO Lori state that CEO program is a wonderful experience; it is a different way of learning, you go out and make connections with community members and learn a lot about the community.**

**CEO Scott read letter he had written for a class about CEO program.**

**Mrs. Greenwald stated that this is a great opportunity for the students to learn about city businesses, we visited over 50 businesses in the city and the surrounding area. The students have all cOme up with business plans and will share them on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at St. Gregory Hall and expect everyone to come.**

**Mark Vogel stated we have a crew of people that help with the program. This is the third set of students that have been through the program. These students of the CEO are meeting people of businesses, and they see how there businesses are run. This is a short term investment that pays off in the long term.**

**Motion by Thompson, second by Davis to adjourn the Economic Development Committee. All Voted Yes. Motion Carried.**

**Meeting Adjourned.**

**Attest  
Judy Whitaker  
City Clerk**